

Smoking-Study Committee Is Named

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WASHINGTON — Members of a special advisory committee on smoking and health have been chosen by the Public Health Service and each has the approval of the tobacco industry.

Membership of the committee, which will conduct the first broad government study of the effects of smoking on health, will be announced in about a month.

Invitations to the 11 scientists chosen will be mailed next week. The health service will name them after they have accepted or those who do not accept are replaced.

Meanwhile, Surgeon Gen. L. L. Terry yesterday announced the appointment of three staff members to assist the committee. They are:

—Dr. Herman F. Kraybill, who has been special assistant to the associate director for field studies at the National Cancer Institute. He will be executive director of the smoking study. He has worked as a research scientists in government and industry since 1936, primarily in the fields of nutrition. A native of Pennsylvania, he was educated at Franklin and Marshall College and the University of Maryland.

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—Dr. Peter Hamill, an officer in the Public Health Service commissioned corps since 1955. He will be the medical coordinator of the study. He has been chief of epidemiologic investigations in the service's Division of Air Pollution Control. A Marylander, he was educated at Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

—Alex Kritini, a career government information officer with experience in public health. He will assist Dr. Kraybill.

Kritini said the staff will be doing paper work in preparation for the first committee meeting from now until it is finally formed.

The smoking study was ordered by the surgeon general with the approval of President Kennedy. Plans for the investigation were made in July at a meeting of Dr. Terry with representatives of federal agencies, medical groups and the tobacco industry.

The committee's first report, an analysis of all information on the subject, is expected within six months. The results of that report will determine the nature of future actions and recommendations.

The 11 scientists to serve on the committee were chosen from a list of 150 which was submitted to the interested groups. Each is from a different scientific field and almost all are from universities, the Journal was told. One is from private industry, but not the tobacco industry. Some members were on the list recommended by the industry.

A public health spokesman said each of the 11 selected from the

1950 has been okayed as to objectivity and qualification by the interested groups, including the tobacco industry.

In announcing plans for the study earlier, Dr. Terry said the committee members would represent no organizations and that scientists who have taken public positions on smoking and health would not be asked to serve.

Dr. Terry also has said the

study will not be limited to smoking but will concern "other factors which may be involved such as air pollution and automobile exhausts."

Parties meeting with Dr. Terry in July and having a part in selecting members of the study group included representatives of the Tobacco Institute and the Tobacco Industry Research Committee.

As of October 11th the members of the Surgeon General's Committee has still not been announced.

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